



June 12, 2014

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Via Electronic Filing

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Communications, WC Docket No. 14-28

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On June 10, 2014, Darren Walker, president of the Ford Foundation, Alberto Ibarguen, president of the Knight Foundation, Dave Steer, director of advocacy at the Mozilla Foundation, Helen Brunner, director of the Media Democracy Fund, Jeff Ubois, program officer at the MacArthur Foundation, John Schwartz, president of Voqal, Allison Barlow, program director at the Wallace Global Fund, Laleh Ispahani, program director at the Open Society Foundations, Megan Garcia, program officer at the Hewlett Foundation, Jenny Toomey, program director at the Ford Foundation and Lori McGlinchey, program officer at the Ford Foundation, met with Chairman Tom Wheeler of the Federal Communications Commission and Gigi Sohn, special counsel for external affairs, Ruth Milkman, chief of staff, Maria Kirby, legal advisor to the Chairman, Sagar Doshi, Special Assistant to the Chairman, and Regina Black, intern in the Office of the Chairman, to discuss the importance of the role of technology and telecommunications in the lives of Americans.

The participants in the meeting discussed the transformative role that the Internet has played in reordering cultures, economies and the ways people connect. While each of the foundations present has a unique mission and a diverse array of grantees working on myriad challenges around the world, each one understands the importance of a truly open Internet that provides a level playing field.

In a conversation that included topics ranging from E-rate and the importance of having all of our schools' classrooms wired for the 21st century, to the spectrum auctions that are critical for the continued innovation and economic growth due to the increasing citizen demand, to the deployment of Internet access providers by local governments and a concern on increased corporate consolidation, at the center is the need for an Internet that allows for a free and fair flow of information.

The participants commended the Chairman for providing extra time to allow for comments from the American public on this extremely critical issue before final rules are adopted. The participants discussed the importance of Net Neutrality and the pros and cons of the various approaches including Section 706 and Title II. Various presenters outlined how individuals and communities are directly impacted by this issue as it touches upon a broad swath of the nation's interests such as education, health, news and information and the economy. As this evolving technology continues to reshape the world and the way we interact, strong Net Neutrality protection would promote free expression, economic opportunity and civic engagement for the foreseeable future.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, this notice is being filed in the above-referenced dockets for inclusion in the public record.

Respectfully submitted,

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